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From THE DEAN

This issue of *Between the Columns* is evidence of the medley of offerings of an academic library. I am delighted that a set of Audubon prints will soon grace the walls of the stately Grand Reading Room, a room where Dr. Nathan Jasinski and a group of student cellists performed just this past fall. Read how Eastern Kentucky University Libraries make the scholarship of ECU students readily discoverable on the web. Catch a glimpse of student life past and present, and see how tech-savvy undergrads are making their own memories on Instagram and Twitter.

When the sum of the work of our fine people is presented in a newsletter, one wonders, how does it all happen? How does a busy library fulfill its vision of being a creative, engaging learning environment and then take it a step further? Who makes the magic happen? In short, our people: devoted Colonels who commit their time and energy to going beyond our mission to deliver the unexpected.

I am astonished by the breadth of talent at ECU Libraries. The staff and faculty at ECU Libraries are researchers, yes. They love the pursuit of a missing detail, the key to a mystery, that one citation that will make *everything* work. Few realize that they also teach, write grants, engage in research, plan events, advertise, act as publishers, design learning spaces, curate information, build strong relationships with faculty and students, experiment with the latest technologies, and much, much more. Our staff and faculty embed themselves into the very heart of the University: teaching and learning.

Keep the individuals behind the stories in mind as you enjoy the latest news from the Libraries. And remember that your support helps make our Libraries meaningful, unforgettable, and inspirational. You contribute to the medley of service and programs we offer. As Campus Beautiful prepares to astound us with her vibrant spring palette, come and see us. The Noel Reading Porch is ready for you.

Betina Gardner

Betina L. Gardner
Dean of Libraries | Chief Information Officer



EKU Libraries HAPPENINGS

Fall 2015
Spring 2016

FRIENDS GALA

In November, local *Friends of Eastern Kentucky University Libraries* gathered in the Grand Reading Room for a concert by Dr. Nathan Jasinski and students in ECU's Cello Ensemble as part of the *Friends of ECU Libraries* Gala.

Photos (from left): Dr. Nathan Jasinski and his students perform at the Friends' Gala; Students participate in ECU Libraries' A Long Night Against Procrastination; Dr. Tom Appleton presents during Women's History Month events held at ECU Libraries.

A LONG NIGHT AGAINST PROCRASTINATION

More than 150 students participated in *A Long Night Against Procrastination* on March 8th. The event included late night research help from ECU librarians; communication and writing assistance from Noel Studio for Academic Creativity consultants; and homework help from ECU GURUs.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATIONS

ECU Libraries and Special Collections and Archives celebrated Women's History Month in March with three presentations. Students from Dr. Tom Appleton's class presented on Mae Street Kidd, Rosemary Clooney, and Billie Jean Osborne; Dr. Tom Appleton discussed his recent work, *Kentucky Women: Their Lives and Times* (co-edited with Melissa A. McEuen); and Former Lexington, KY mayor Teresa Ann Isaac discussed Title IX and how participation in sports prepares women for leadership roles.

Share with Your Friends

To view and share this newsletter electronically, visit issuu.com/ekulibraries/docs/btcspring2016.

Promoting STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Eastern Kentucky University Libraries are proud to host the *Kentucky Journal of Undergraduate Scholarship (KJUS)* in the Encompass Digital Archive (encompass.eku.edu/kjus). The first of its kind in Kentucky, *KJUS* is dedicated to showcasing the research and creative activities of undergraduate students throughout the Commonwealth. Students who submit their work to *KJUS* will participate in a peer-review process first-hand, a valuable experience for any scholar. Executive editor Dr. Jonathan Gore, Director of Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors at EKU and a faculty member in the Psychology department, has gathered an extensive editorial board of faculty across multiple disciplines who are tasked with reviewing student submissions. The inaugural issue of *KJUS* is due to be released June 2016.

The most exciting thing about this journal is that it will be a great repository for all of the scholarship that's taking place across the Commonwealth. It's important to showcase what our students are doing in the arts, sciences, and humanities to create a clear message that our students are engaging in rigorous scholarship, the kind that helps answer questions about who we are and how we can improve the world.

– Dr. Jonathan Gore
Director of Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors at EKU and Psychology faculty member

KJUS

Kentucky Journal of Undergraduate Scholarship

Did You Know?

Students at Eastern Kentucky University are making their mark beyond the university walls, thanks to the Encompass Digital Archive encompass.eku.edu

- Victoria Dershem's "Turn and Face the Strange: Science-Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror in the Work of David Bowie," had a spike in downloads the day the famous musician passed away
- Angela Goorman's 2015 Occupational Therapy Doctorate Capstone, "Sleep Occupation Quality and Occupation-Based Hand Function in Carpal Tunnel Syndrome," led a prospective student to discover EKU's Doctor of Occupational Therapy program

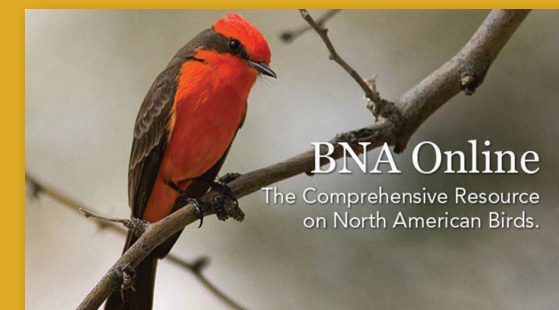


Grand Reading Room to House Audubon Prints



Through the generosity of Tom Snyder (prints) and the *Friends of EKU Libraries* (framing), the Grand Reading Room will soon be home to six beautifully framed John James Audubon prints. Audubon (1785-1851), famed ornithologist, naturalist, painter, and one-time Kentucky resident, is best known for his thousands of detailed illustrations of North American birds in their natural habitats. Donated prints include illustrations of a great white heron, Canada goose, turkey hen and chicks, and snowy owl.

These ornithological treasures are the perfect complement to one of EKU Libraries' most unique databases, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's *Birds of North America*. Bringing Audubon's prints to life, users of this resource can view the Canada goose in flight, witness the less than majestic waddling of the turkey, and listen to the haunting call of the snowy owl. Comprised of thousands of image galleries, videos, songs, and the calls of over 700 species of birds native to North America, *Birds of North America* is an invaluable resource for students of ornithology and amateur birders alike. Access *Birds of North America* from our A-Z Databases list: libguides.eku.edu/az.php.



Browzine Web

Keeping up with your academic reading has never been easier thanks to *Browzine Web*, the new desktop computer version of the popular mobile app for reading scholarly journals online (browzine.com/libraries/419/subjects). Peruse EKU subscribed scholarly journals in an intuitive, visually pleasing interface and stay current in your field of study by saving favorite journals to "My Bookshelf," which is synced across devices.



INFORMATION LITERACY

Colonel Smart
@EKU Libraries

Information literacy instruction enables students to take control of their information needs by facilitating an awareness of effective processes for finding, analyzing, and using information, encouraging students to be more independent, self-aware learners. EKU Libraries offer a variety of instructional opportunities, tailoring sessions to fit any level of research need or class size, to include course-related instruction, orientations, information literacy and academic success workshops, subject and course guides, and video tutorials.

ColonelSmart @ EKU Libraries (library.eku.edu/colonelsmart) explores topics relevant to research and academic success outside of the traditional realm of assignment-related library instruction. Guided by EKU Libraries' Information Literacy Core Competencies (library.eku.edu/eastern-kentucky-university-information-literacy-core-competencies), librarians design workshops mapped to a set of skill goals encompassing the reflective discovery of information, the understanding of how information is produced and valued, and the use of information in creating new knowledge and participating ethically in communities of learning.

Promote information literacy in your courses by scheduling a workshop from one of six skill goal categories:

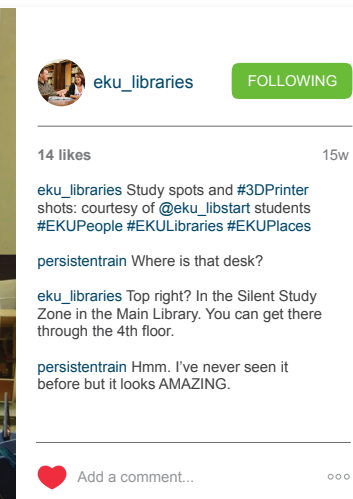
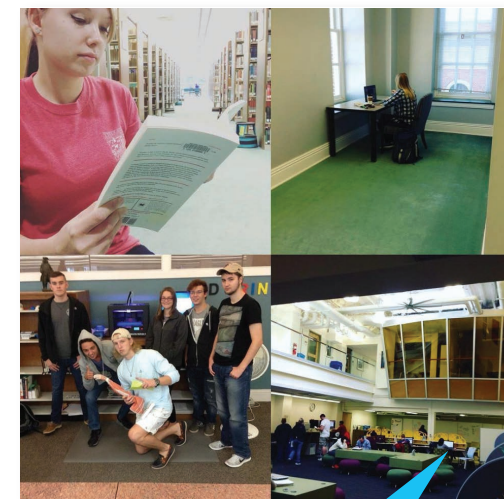
- **Construct a Question or Problem Statement**
- **Locate and Gather Information**
- **Evaluate Sources**
- **Manage Information**
- **Use Information Ethically**
- **Communicate Knowledge**

Sessions in the *Teaching and Learning Track* are specifically designed for classroom instructors. These sessions focus on innovative technologies, resources, and practices to impact student learning in the classroom and beyond. Interested in learning more about using copyrighted material or organizing your personal citations and research? Request one of EKU Libraries' many faculty-oriented workshops for your department today!

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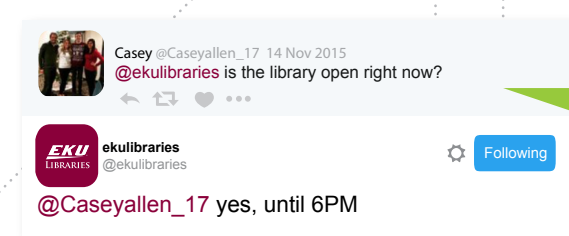
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reaching the EKU community and beyond through social media



Fur Therapy Retweet
Fur Therapy is extremely popular with our students. They love having dogs in the library and tweet about it often.

LibStart
Students use Instagram in LibStart library orientations to share their favorite study spots, resources, and innovative technology.

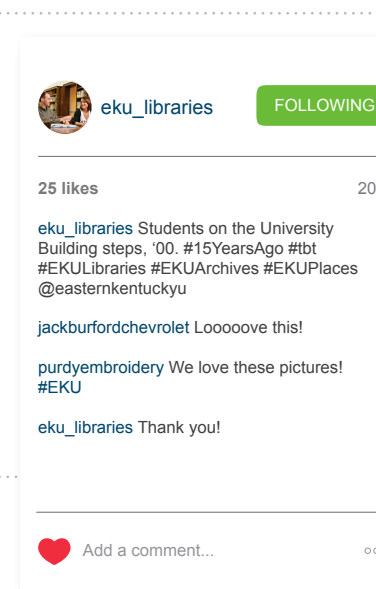


Library Hours
Students routinely use social media to interact with and ask us questions.



"Scared by an Owl" by Melissa Gerritsen. — at Eastern Kentucky University Libraries - EKU.
Tag Photo Edit
Krista Zabawa Rhodus, Kelly Smith, Trenia Tringles Napier and 455 others like this.

People's Choice Art Exhibit Voting
We used social media to tabulate votes for the 2015 Student Artwork Exhibit's People's Choice Award.



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#FlashBackFriday
On select Fridays, we share a Special Collections and Archives photo of a popular campus locale held up in front of the same locale today, showcasing our campus "then" and "now."



Preserving Memories

How Donors Help Bring History to Life

Like many of the items in Special Collections and Archives (SCA), the McWhirter scrapbook simply showed up in the mailbox. An accompanying letter explained the scrapbook belonged to the donor's parents, James and Frances McWhirter, a loving couple who graduated from Eastern in the late 1940s. The album captures Jim and Frankie's courtship, adventures, and friendships throughout their collegiate years, and includes glimpses of campus life during and following WWII. The photographs tell a beautiful story of Eastern that SCA is happy to share. However, sharing is not as easy as it may sound.

Sharing items usually entails scanning them and making them accessible online. This digitization process takes time, money, equipment, and patience, but the result is always rewarding. Most recently, a donor made it possible for the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) collection to be digitized, allowing individuals from all over the world to discover the challenges facing women athletes in the post-Title IX era (bit.ly/1piNSeR).

From receiving items such as the McWhirter scrapbook to digitizing collections such as AIAW, SCA's supporters make sharing little bits of history possible. When you have a free moment, explore the SCA and the many pieces of the past that so many people have contributed to preserving.

archives.eku.edu

Photos (from top): Eastern's Women's Army Corps (WAC) during WWII Document; AIAW National Championship Newsletter from 1980-81; Frances "Frankie" Burleson and James "Jim" McWhirter

get to know EKU'S ORAL HISTORIAN *Neil Kasiak*

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You may have noticed Special Collections and Archives' (SCA) newest team member, Neil Kasiak, on the move around campus. From collaborating with faculty and students, to teaching classes, to managing and making material accessible, Neil is persistently promoting oral history. However, his path to Oral Historian was not necessarily a direct one.

Neil's education began in the anthropology program at Purdue, where he was eventually drawn to ethnographic studies. After receiving a bachelor's degree, Neil earned his master's degree in history from Eastern Kentucky University, where he also volunteered in SCA. After three years of teaching as an adjunct history professor and frequently volunteering, Neil enthusiastically assumed the Oral Historian position.

Neil describes oral histories as "...somewhat like a two year old: sometimes you have trouble following them, but when you do, they take you for a ride and always seem to surprise." Since working with oral histories, Neil has stumbled across many entertaining historical tidbits. He recounts, "[a] funny story that underscores the richness of our institutional collection is the account by Hazel Little about President Donovan erroneously aiding thieves by helping them load up instruments into their car; they were stealing the instruments!"

Whether listening for pleasure or research, Neil emphasizes the importance of oral histories, proclaiming that "by bringing qualitative value to the table, oral histories can reinforce quantitative research, and enhance the personal, academic, and intellectual experiences of all those involved."

Neil's FAVORITE THINGS

Woodworking
Home renovation
Rock climbing
Gardening
Food history



SCHOLARSHIP WEEK 2016

Eastern Kentucky University formally celebrates the scholarly and creative endeavors of our community each spring during *Scholarship Week*. *Scholarship Week* 2016 (April 11 - 15) will feature guest speakers, workshops, and showcases by and for students, faculty, and staff, including the *Alumni Spotlight*, a keynote-style presentation delivered by distinguished alumni.

This year's *Alumni Spotlight*, scheduled for 5:30pm on **Thursday, April 14**, in the **John Grant Crabbe Main Library's Dick Mayo Allen Auditorium**, will feature **Jeff Newton** and **Rene Heinrich**:

Jeff Newton (Journalism, 1997)

Jeff Newton is a 2009 COMM *Distinguished Alumni*, and was inducted into EKU's Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 2011. Jeff is the winner of two *Emmy Awards*, an *Overseas Press Club* honor for war reporting, the *Edward R. Murrow Award*, and the *Alfred I. duPont Award*, one of broadcast journalism's most prestigious honors. Currently a Senior Producer at *Vice* on HBO and former producer of *60 Minutes*, Jeff credits his time as Editor-in-chief with *The Eastern Progress* and the mentoring he received from Communications faculty as the best preparation for the challenges of his professional life.

Rene Heinrich (Speech Communications and Theatre, 1995)

After graduating as an EKU Honors Scholar in 1995, Rene Heinrich earned her J.D. From Salmon P. Chase College of Law (2000). While attending law school, Rene assistant-directed the Drama Desk, Pulitzer Prize, and Tony-award winning Broadway production of *Side Man* at the Roundabout Theater Company. Rene currently owns and operates *The Heinrich Firm* in Newport, KY, and recently received nationwide attention for representing James Yates and Will Smith in a Civil Rights suit against Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis. Rene credits Theatre and Honors faculty for developing her inquisitive nature and a refusal to blindly accept the status quo.

Learn more about *Scholarship Week 2016* events, including the *Alumni Spotlight*, at ekuscholars.eku.edu



Jeff Newton will give an additional talk for community members, **Oh, How I Miss T-Bombs:** *Ramblings on Global Conflicts from EKU's Worst Student and Best War Reporter* Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30PM Grand Reading Room, Main Library

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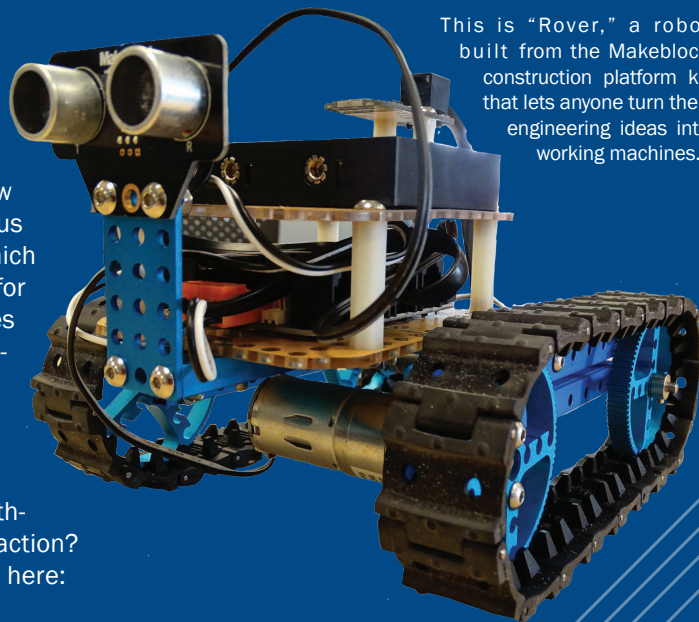
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Exploring Emerging Technologies

Eastern Kentucky University Libraries continue to explore new technologies to enhance library services and support the campus learning environment. An Emerging Technologies (ET) Group, which includes representatives from ECU Libraries, the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity, and Instructional Design, regularly investigates new ideas and gadgets in the tech market, recently acquiring do-it-yourself kits designed to spark creativity and lessen the intimidation that sometimes accompanies programming and engineering tasks. The ET Group is also exploring new and fun ways to promote self-learning with a customizable micro-computer (Raspberry Pi), an easy-to-learn circuit board for electronics (Arduino), and a Bluetooth-enabled roving robot (Makeblock). Want to get in on the technology action? All these items and more are available to faculty and can be viewed here:

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This is "Rover," a robot built from the Makeblock construction platform kit that lets anyone turn their engineering ideas into working machines.

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